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### HEALTH INSURANCE INDUSTRY PRACTICES

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine health insurance industry practices, after receiving testimony from Linda A. Lacewell, State of New York Office of the Attorney General Healthcare Industry Taskforce, Albany; Nancy H. Nielsen, American Medical Association, Washington, D.C.; and Charles Bell, Consumers Union, Yonkers, New York.

### STRENGTHENING AMERICAN MANUFACTURING

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 661, to strengthen American manufacturing through improved industrial energy efficiency, after receiving testimony from David Rodgers, Director for Strategic Planning and Analysis, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy; R. Neal Elliott, American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, and Stephen Harper, Intel Corporation, both of Washington, D.C.; David Zeponi, Northwest Food Processors Association, Portland, Oregon; Jeff Metts, Dowding Industries, Inc., Eaton Rapids, Michigan; and Maxine Savitz, Los Angeles, California.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Thomas L. Strickland, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Udall (CO) and Bennet, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### MIDDLE INCOME TAX RELIEF

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine middle income tax relief, after receiving testimony from Paul Taylor, Pew Research Center, Robert Greenstein, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, and Alan D. Viard, American Enterprise Institute, all of Washington, D.C.; and George K. Yin, University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Karl

Winfried Eikenberry, of Florida, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Department of State, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Inouye and former Senator Warner, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Rose Eilene Gottemoeller, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Verification and Compliance, who was introduced by Senator Lugar, and Philip H. Gordon, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs, both of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Jane Holl Lute, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, after the nominee, who was introduced by New York City Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of John Berry, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Cardin and Representative Hoyer, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Tony West, of California, Lanny A. Breuer, of the District of Columbia, and Christine Anne Varney, of the District of Columbia, each to be an Assistant Attorney General, all of the Department of Justice.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.